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October 15, 1981

The Honorable Harry D. Early
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
P. O. Box 194
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Dear Governor Early:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm in writing Mr. Marvin's October 9, 1981 comment to you and your staff during the meeting in Albuquerque at the Atlantic Richfield office, regarding closure of Anaconda's mining and milling operations at Laguna and Bluewater. March 31, 1982 will be the date when Anaconda ceases the production of minerals on Laguna Reservation lands. However, several activities may carry onward at the Jackpile for an unforeseen period. Concurrence from the Pueblo and appropriate federal agencies will be necessary in order that Anaconda may maintain a presence. These activities might be, in part, maintenance of a mothballed mining fleet along with support facilities, environmental monitoring and possible other matters unforeseen at this time. Eventually an overall reclamation policy may require Anaconda participation also.

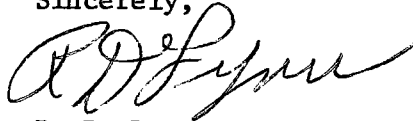
We are aware that Anaconda has a time limit in which to remove certain facilities from the leased lands, including equipment. Hopefully we can meet with you and others, at an early date, to work these matters out.

If Anaconda's presence is permitted after March 31, 1982, a minimal payroll of ten to twenty employees will likely remain at Jackpile.

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I realize this letter will create more questions than it answers, therefore, an early consideration of matters related to this action might be useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. D. Lynn".

R. D. Lynn
General Manager

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